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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3123-S3321

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills were introduced, as follows: S. 606–626. Page S3163

Measures Passed:

Automatic Pay Adjustments for Members of Congress: Senate passed S. 620, to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

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Extension of Programs for Small Businesses: Senate passed H.R. 1541, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, clearing the measure for the President.

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Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 303, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. Pages \$3318-19

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 39, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 8, providing for the appointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 9, providing for the appointment of France A. Cordova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. Page S3320 Measures Considered:

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 146, to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration thereto, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3130-41, S3141-49, S3149-56

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 684, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S3141-49, S3149-56

Coburn Amendment No. 680 (to Amendment No. 684), to ensure that the general public has full access to our national parks and to promote the health and safety of all visitors and employees of the National Park Service.

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Coburn Amendment No. 679 (to Amendment No. 684), to provide for the future energy needs of the United States and eliminate restrictions on the development of renewable energy.

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Coburn Amendment No. 675 (to Amendment No. 684), to prohibit the use of eminent domain and to ensure that no American has their property forcibly taken from them by authorities granted under this Act.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following list of amendments be the only first-degree amendments in order; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with passage of the bill subject to a 60-affirmative vote threshold; provided debate time prior to a vote on or in relation to each amendment, be limited to 60 minutes, and that no amendment be in order to any amendment prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; provided if there is a sequence of votes on or in relation to the amendments, then prior to each vote in a sequence, there be 4 minutes of debate, divided as specified above, provided that after the first vote in any sequence, subsequent votes be limited to 10 minutes each: Coburn Amendment No. 680 (listed